

# Press Release



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## ***Spark up your Saturday evenings with a Campfire Program at Fort Ransom State Park***

August offers a number of fun Campfire Programs held every Saturday evening in the Elm Tree Amphitheatre at Fort Ransom State Park. Come out and experience an evening of interesting, family entertainment provided by one of the guest speakers lined up for the month of August.

Fort Ransom State Park is excited to announce our upcoming guest speakers. Meteorologist Rob Kupec, from WDAY, will give an exciting presentation on Friday, August 19, at 8 p.m., on “Weather Terms and Safety.” Then on Saturday, August 20, at 8 p.m., Mr. Kupec will be back to give a stimulating program on “Weather Oddities and Curiosities.” On Saturday, August 27, at 9 p.m., Tom Spiekermeier, a well-informed local, will put forward an interesting look into plant life on the prairie including wildflowers and birds. Come for Labor Day weekend and you’ll get to experience Doug Leier’s program on Saturday, September 3, at 6 p.m. Doug is an outreach biologist for the North Dakota Game and Fish Department and will be here to talk about wildlife of North Dakota and their history. Please come and join us for an evening of fun and entertainment.

All of Fort Ransom State Park’s amenities remain open until the end of September, including the trails, campgrounds and picnic areas. All trails are open, so mountain bikers, hikers, and horseback riders are encouraged to come out and experience the beauty of Fort Ransom State Park. Canoe and kayak rentals are also available to experience the scenic Sheyenne River. The Bjone House Visitor Center is open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Interpretive tours of the historic Sunne Farmstead are given every Saturday afternoon. Dakota Explorers kids’ activities are held every Saturday late afternoon and Campfire Programs are held every Saturday evening at dusk at the Elm Tree Outdoor Amphitheatre. On Sunday mornings, visitors are welcome to join the park naturalist on a guided nature hike.

All interpretive programs are free; however, vehicles entering Fort Ransom State Park for these events or to drive through the park are required to buy a daily entrance pass for \$5/vehicle or purchase an annual North Dakota State Parks pass for \$25. Fees collected help keep the parks open and maintained so get out and explore while supporting your North Dakota State Parks. Come play in our backyard.

Fort Ransom State Park is located 2 miles north of the town of Fort Ransom, ND, along the Sheyenne River Valley National Scenic Byway.